

Los Angeles Co., Calif. Coroner.  
Report [annual] 1939/40

**REPORT OF**  
**FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**JULY 1, 1939 - JUNE 30, 1940**

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November 12, 1940

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
501 Hall of Records  
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:


A statistical report covering the operations of the Coroner's office for the fiscal year 1939-40 is submitted herewith.

The case load of 6282 bodies handled during this period was only 92 greater than during the preceding year, which is the smallest increase in volume of work experienced for many years. This was probably due to the fact that there were no great disasters in which many persons were killed during this period, and the people of this area have enjoyed unusually excellent health.

I am pleased to call your attention to the fact that through the practice of strict economy we were able to reduce our cost per case to \$13.88, which is 62 cents per unit less than our cost for the preceding year and which represents a saving of \$3895.00 to the taxpayers of this county. This economy was effected without impairment to the service rendered to the public. We are proud of the fact that we are able to render far greater service at far less cost to the taxpayers than any other Coroner's office in the United States.

The statistical information presented herewith is so arranged as to permit easy comparison with former Annual Reports and to note the trends in the various types of fatalities.

Respectfully submitted,

  
CORONER, Los Angeles County

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1939-40

JULY	1939	459	
AUGUST	"	506	
SEPTEMBER	"	589	
OCTOBER	"	497	
NOVEMBER	"	508	
DECEMBER	"	591	
JANUARY	1940	571	
FEBRUARY	"	552	
MARCH	"	551	
APRIL	"	488	
MAY	"	491	
JUNE	"	<u>479</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>6282</u>
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MALE		4312	
FEMALE		<u>1970</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>6282</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		4046	
IN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY		<u>2236</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>6282</u>

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS  
HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:		
AIRPLANE	19	
ASPHYXIATION	5	
BURNS	73	
CRUSHING	4	
DROWNING	65	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	24	
FALLS	299	
FIREARMS	23	
HEAD INJURY	104	
INDUSTRIAL	98	
INFECTION	38	
MISCELLANEOUS	26	
MOTOR VEHICLE	1002	
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM, 36)	95	
STEAM RAILWAY	23	
STRANGULATION	6	
SUFFOCATION	<u>19</u>	
	TOTAL	1926
HOMICIDES	135	
SUICIDES	694	
ABORTIONS	22	
NATURAL CAUSES	3467	
PREMATURE BIRTHS	6	
STILLBORN	20	
UNKNOWN CAUSES	<u>12</u>	
	GRAND TOTAL	<u>6282</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>ELECTRIC RY.</u>	<u>STEAM RY.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	1939	65	0	2	67
AUGUST	"	83	1	1	85
SEPTEMBER	"	86	2	2	90
OCTOBER	"	91	8	4	103
NOVEMBER	"	96	1	3	100
DECEMBER	"	103	1	2	106
JANUARY	1940	99	2	4	105
FEBRUARY	"	82	4	0	86
MARCH	"	80	1	3	84
APRIL	"	69	0	1	70
MAY	"	81	2	0	83
JUNE	"	67	2	1	70
TOTALS		1002	24	23	1049

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLE" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED.

"ELECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN OR PASSENGER IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANS

JULY	1939	30	
AUGUST	"	35	
SEPTEMBER	"	38	
OCTOBER	"	37	
NOVEMBER	"	53	
DECEMBER	"	56	
JANUARY	1940	49	
FEBRUARY	"	46	
MARCH	"	44	
APRIL	"	43	
MAY	"	34	
JUNE	"	<u>31</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>496</u>
		* * * * *	
MALE		352	
FEMALE		<u>144</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>496</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		312	
IN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY		182	
O/S COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEATH OCCURRING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY		<u>2</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>496</u>



TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANAGES

1	to	2	Years	6	
2	to	5	Years	16	
5	to	10	Years	25	
10	to	20	Years	19	
20	to	45	Years	95	
45	to	65	Years	172	
65	and	over		<u>163</u>	
				TOTAL	<u>496</u>
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AT INTERSECTION	243	
OTHER THAN INTERSECTION	<u>253</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>496</u>
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A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	133	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	360	
NOON	2	
UNKNOWN TIME	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>496</u>
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NATURE

AUTO AND PEDESTRIAN	460	
TRUCK AND PEDESTRIAN	27	
MOTORCYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN	3	
BUS AND PEDESTRIAN	4	
TRACTOR AND PEDESTRIAN	<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>496</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANCAUSES

CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	133
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	122
PLAYING IN STREET	6
RUNNING IN STREET	14
WALKING IN STREET	15
STANDING IN STREET	1
PLAYING IN HIGHWAY	1
RUNNING IN HIGHWAY	5
LYING IN STREET	1
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	3
BACKING	8
SKIDDING	1
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	68
INTOXICATION	1
RECKLESS DRIVING	89
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	4
RACING CONTEST	1
CRANKING TRUCK	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1
STEPPED IN FRONT OF AUTO	1
UNDETERMINED WHETHER FALL OR STRUCK BY BUS	1
FELL FROM AUTO, STRUCK BY ANOTHER	1
FELL UNDER BUS	1
IMPROPER LIGHTING	1



TRAFFIC FATALITIESCAUSES, Cont'd.PEDESTRIANS

STRUCK BY OR FELL FROM AUTO	1	
UNABLE TO FIX CAUSE	11	
FELL UNDER CAR	1	
PUSHING STALLED CAR	1	
FELL UNDER TRACTOR	<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>496</u>

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HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:	
MALE DRIVERS	119
FEMALE DRIVERS	10
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	32
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:	
MALE DRIVERS	295
FEMALE DRIVERS	22
TRAIN CREW	1
DRIVERLESS TRUCK	1
UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY	9
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST BEFORE A JURY WAS HELD:	
MALE DRIVERS	6
FEMALE DRIVERS	<u>1</u>

TOTAL	<u>496</u>
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HIT AND RUN CASES	53
H.B.D. CASES (PEDESTRIAN, 61; DRIVER, 16)	77

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1939	35	
AUGUST	"	48	
SEPTEMBER	"	48	
OCTOBER	"	54	
NOVEMBER	"	43	
DECEMBER	"	47	
JANUARY	1940	50	
FEBRUARY	"	36	
MARCH	"	36	
APRIL	"	26	
MAY	"	47	
JUNE	"	<u>36</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>506</u>
	* * * * *		
MALE		365	
FEMALE		<u>141</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>506</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		193	
IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		288	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEATH IN L.A. CITY		<u>25</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>506</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

Less than 1 Year	4	
1 to 2 Years	1	
2 to 5 Years	5	
5 to 10 Years	13	
10 to 20 Years	87	
20 to 45 Years	233	
45 to 65 Years	112	
65 and over	<u>51</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>506</u>

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AT INTERSECTION	263	
OTHER THAN INTERSECTION	238	
UNKNOWN	<u>5</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>506</u>

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A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	190	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	303	
MIDNIGHT	1	
UNKNOWN TIME	<u>12</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>506</u>

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NATURE

COLLISION:		
AUTO AND AUTO	164	
AUTO AND TRUCK	65	
AUTO AND MOTORCYCLE	24	
AUTO AND BICYCLE.	30	

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
NATURE, CONTINUED

AUTO AND BUS	2
AUTO AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	35
AUTO AND TRAILER	1
AUTO AND STEAM RAILWAY	14
AUTO AND TRICYCLE	1
AUTO AND TRACTOR	2
AUTO AND POLE	14
AUTO AND TREE	18
AUTO AND WALL	3
AUTO AND CURB	2
AUTO AND HOUSE	1
AUTO AND GUARD-RAIL	3
AUTO AND BRIDGE	2
AUTO AND SCOOTER	1
AUTO AND PARKED CAR	5
AUTO AND BUILDING	1
AUTO AND FENCE	1
AUTO AND STANDING TRUCK	1
TRUCK AND TRUCK	5
TRUCK AND SCOOTER	1
TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE	4
TRUCK AND TREE	1
TRUCK AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1
TRUCK AND STEAM RAILWAY	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
NATURE, CONTINUED

MOTORCYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE	3	
MOTORCYCLE AND PARKED CAR	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND CURB	1	
NON-COLLISION:		
AUTO OVERTURNED	62	
AUTO OFF CLIFF	7	
AUTO OFF EMBANKMENT	1	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	2	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	2	
MOTORSCOOTER OVERTURNED	1	
FALL FROM VEHICLE	19	
WHETHER STRUCK BY OR FELL FROM AUTO UNKNOWN	1	
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	<u>3</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>506</u>

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CAUSES

COLLISION:	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	94
INTOXICATION	1
RECKLESS DRIVING	63
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	4
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	1
SKIDDING	6
RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED	131
TIRE BLEW OUT	2
DRIVER ASLEEP	3

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
CAUSES, CONTINUED

MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILROAD CROSSING	47
RODE INTO STREET FROM DRIVEWAY	1
LIGHTS	2
INTERFERENCE WITH DRIVER	2
LOST CONTROL	29
FAILURE OF RAILROAD SIGNAL TO FUNCTION	1
PROBABLY HEART ATTACK	1
MOTORCYCLE KNOCKED AUTO FROM HOIST	1
UNABLE TO FILE RESPONSIBILITY OR CAUSE	20
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE OTHER THAN AUTO ACCI.	3
UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ACCIDENT CONTRI- BUTORY TO DEATH	1
NON-COLLISION: VEHICLE OVERTURNED - LOST CONTROL	43
AVOIDING COLLISION	4
RECKLESS DRIVING	8
INTOXICATION	2
SKIDDING	2
NON-COLLISION: TIRE BLOW-OUT	3
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	1
LOST WHEEL	1
OVER CLIFF	5
SPEEDING	2
FALLS FROM VEHICLE: TIRE BLOW-OUT	1
RECKLESS DRIVING	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
CAUSES, CONTINUED

NON-COLLISION:		
OFF CLIFF, LOST CONTROL	2	
FELL FROM TRUCK	1	
JUMPED FROM TRUCK OUT OF CONTROL	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	4	
LOST CONTROL OF MOTORCYCLE	1	
FELL OR JUMPED UNKNOWN	3	
CAR DOOR ACCIDENTALLY OPENED	5	
LOST CONTROL	2	
STOVE FELL FROM TRUCK ON TOP VICTIM	1	
TOTAL		<u>506</u>
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HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	167	
FEMALE DRIVERS	13	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	6	
TRAIN CREW	1	
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	125	
FEMALE DRIVERS	15	
TRAIN CREW	50	
CASES IN WHICH JURY COULD NOT DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY	19	



TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
CAUSES, CONTINUED

NON-COLLISION:

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST BEFORE A JURY  
 WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS	92
FEMALE DRIVERS	10
DRIVERLESS CAR	1
FALL FROM MOTORCYCLE, LOST CONTROL, MALE DRIVER, JURY	1
UNKNOWN DRIVERS, DUE TO NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	4
UNDETERMINED WHETHER ACCIDENT CONTRIBUTED TO DEATH	1
STRUCK BY OR FELL FROM AUTO, UNDETERMINED	<u>1</u>

TOTAL

506

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HIT AND RUN CASES	5
H.B.D. CASES	43

TRAFFIC FATALITIESELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1939	0			
AUGUST	"	1			
SEPTEMBER	"	2			
OCTOBER	"	8			
NOVEMBER	"	1			
DECEMBER	"	1			
JANUARY	1940	2			
FEBRUARY	"	4			
MARCH	"	1			
APRIL	"	0			
MAY	"	2			
JUNE	"	2			
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>24</u>		
* * * * *					
MALE		19			
FEMALE		<u>5</u>			
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>24</u>		
* * * * *					
IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		17			
IN COUNTY OF L.A. O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		<u>7</u>			
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>24</u>		
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<u>AGES</u>					
5	to	10	Years	1	
10	to	20	Years	4	
20	to	45	Years	7	
45	to	65	Years	3	
65	and	over		<u>9</u>	
				<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>24</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESELECTRIC RAILWAYNATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	23	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>24</u>

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CAUSES

WALKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	3	
CROSSING RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY	14	
CHILD RAN INTO SIDE OF STREET CAR	1	
FELL IN FRONT OF STREET CAR	2	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING BY MOTORMAN	2	
THROWN AGAINST CONTROL BO. BY SUDDEN START OF CAR	1	
LYING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY & H.B.D.	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>24</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1939		
AUGUST	"	2	
SEPTEMBER	"	1	
OCTOBER	"	2	
NOVEMBER	"	4	
DECEMBER	"	3	
JANUARY	1940	2	
FEBRUARY	"	4	
MARCH	"	0	
APRIL	"	3	
MAY	"	1	
JUNE	"	0	
		<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>23</u>
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MALE		20	
FEMALE		<u>3</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>23</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		10	
IN COUNTY OF L.A. O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		<u>13</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>23</u>
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		<u>AGES</u>	
2	to	5	Years
10	to	20	Years
20	to	45	Years
45	to	65	Years
65	and over		
		1	
		3	
		6	
		8	
		<u>5</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>23</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAYNATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	22	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER		<u>1</u>
TOTAL		<u>23</u>

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CAUSES

ATTEMPTING TO BOARD MOVING TRAIN	2	
CROSSING RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY	5	
WALKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	13	
SITTING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	1	
FELL FROM MOVING TRAIN	1	
WHETHER FELL FROM OR WHILE ATTEMPTING TO BOARD TRAIN UNKNOWN		<u>1</u>
TOTAL		<u>23</u>

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SUMMARY

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLES	717	285	1002
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	19	5	24
STEAM RAILWAY	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>
TOTAL	756	293	1049

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1939	7	
AUGUST	"	9	
SEPTEMBER	"	12	
OCTOBER	"	5	
NOVEMBER	"	9	
DECEMBER	"	10	
JANUARY	1940	7	
FEBRUARY	"	11	
MARCH	"	6	
APRIL	"	8	
MAY	"	7	
JUNE	"	<u>7</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>98</u>
		* * * * *	
MALE		97	
FEMALE		<u>1</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>98</u>
		* * * * *	
IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		60	
IN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY		34	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY		3	
UNKNOWN LOCATION		<u>1</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>98</u>

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESAGES

10	to	20	Years	2	
20	to	45	Years	52	
45	to	65	Years	39	
65	and	over		<u>5</u>	
				TOTAL	<u>98</u>

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NATURE

ASPHYXIAATION	2	
BACK INJURY	2	
BODILY INJURY	1	
BURNS	8	
CRUSHING	24	
DROWNING	2	
ELECTROCUTION	10	
FALLS	18	
HEAD INJURY	20	
INFECTION	3	
MACHINERY	2	
POISONING	3	
SHOCK	1	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	1	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>98</u>



INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES

## ASPHYXIATION:

FALL INTO TANK OF CASTOR BEANS	1
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OVERCOME BY GAS FUMES ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE MAN FROM GAS WELL	1
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## BACK INJURY:

THROWN OVER CLIFF BY BROKEN GUIDE LINE	1
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WRENCHED BACK WHILE LOADING VALVE KEYS	1
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## BODILY INJURY:

DUE TO FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	1
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## BURNS:

DUE TO EXPLOSION OF CHEMICALS	1
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DUE TO BURSTING OF STEAM PIPE	1
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TRAPPED IN BURNING BUILDING	1
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DUE TO EXPLOSION OF FURNACE	1
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DUE TO EXPLOSION FROM SPARKS OF BUFFING MACHINE	1
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DUE TO EXPLOSION OF PIPE LINE WHILE WELDING	1
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DUE TO OIL TANK EXPLODING	1
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DUE TO EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY	1
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## CRUSHING:

TRUCK LOAD OF CRATES FELL ON VICTIM	1
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STRUCK BY FALLING LOAD OF PIPES	1
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STRUCK BY SLING LOAD OF CARGO	1
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CAUGHT BETWEEN ELEVATOR AND SHAFT	2
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CAUGHT IN MACHINERY ABOARD SHIP	1
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CAUGHT BETWEEN CARS WHILE SWITCHING	2
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STRUCK BY FALLING ELECTRIC TOWER	1
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STRUCK BY SWAB ON OIL DERRICK	1
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STRUCK BY LOADING HOOK	1
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INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

CRUSHING:	
RUN OVER BY TRACTOR	1
HELPING PUSH TRAILER IN GARAGE	1
STRUCK IN STOMACH BY TIMBER	1
STRUCK BY FALLING ROCK	1
CAUGHT UNDER FALLING FIRE-PLACE	1
WHILE UNLOADING TRUCK	1
STRUCK BY LOAD OF SHIFTING PIPE	1
CRUSHED BETWEEN TRUCK AND TRAILER WHILE CONNECTING THEM	1
CRUSHED BETWEEN TWO PIPES	1
STEPPED IN FRONT OF SWITCH ENGINE AFTER THROWING SWITCH	1
INSPECTING SWITCHES, STRUCK BY ENGINE	1
LEG CAUGHT IN CATHEAD WHILE INSTALLING LOCK FOR SUCTION BAILER	1
PILING TONGS SLIPPED CAUSING PILING TO FALL	1
DROWNING:	
OVERCOME BY FUMES FROM OIL TANK & FELL INTO WATER ON TOP OF TANK	1
DROVE TRACTOR TOO NEAR EDGE OF DITCH	1
ELECTROCUTION:	
WHILE WORKING ON HIGH TENSION POLE	1
CAME IN CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	2
CRANE CAME IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	1
HIGH TENSION WIRE BROKE AND DROPPED ON VICTIM	1
CAME IN CONTACT WITH PRIMARY WIRE WHILE WORKING ON POWER POLE	1
DRILL, WITH WHICH WAS WORKING, CAME IN CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC WIRE	1

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

ELECTROCUTION:	
CAME IN CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE AT POLICE BROADCASTING STATION	1
USING ELECTRIC DRILL WHILE STANDING ON DAMP FLOOR	1
ELECTRIC SHOCK FROM VIBRATOR	1
FALLS:	
FROM SCAFFOLD	2
DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	1
FROM LADDER	4
WHILE WORKING ON BUILDING	1
WHILE WASHING WINDOWS	1
WHILE WORKING AS WELDER	1
FELL FROM WELL RIG	1
FROM OIL DERRICK	1
DUE TO EXPLOSION WHILE LIGHTING PILOT ON GAS HEATER	1
WHILE MOVING PERGOLA TO ALLOW EXCAVATION	1
FALL ON STICK	1
FALL FROM 15' GIRDER TO GROUND	1
FALL INTO OIL TANK	1
FROM LIGHT POLE	<u>1</u>
HEAD INJURY:	
DUE TO FALLS	13
STRUCK BY FALLING TREE	1
FLOOR COLLAPSED WHILE FIGHTING FIRE	1
STRUCK BY HITCH LINE	1
STRUCK BY FALLING OXYGEN TANK	1
" " " LOAD OF LUMBER	1
" " " DEBRIS DURING FIRE	1

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

BUS SLIPPED OFF JACK WHILE WORKING UNDERNEATH	1
INFLECTION:	
CUT ARM, TETANUS DEVELOPED	1
CUT HAND, " "	1
INJURED TOES, " "	1
MACHINERY:	
SHREDDING MACHINE EXPLODED AND BLEW DOOR AGAINST VICTIM	1
CAUGHT ARM IN MACHINERY	1
POISONING:	
ABSORBED FUMES FROM EXPLOSION OF CARBOLIC ACID	1
INHALATION OF REFRIGERANT GAS WHILE MAKING INSPECTION	1
DUE TO MIXING WHITE LEAD IN PAINT	1
SHOCK:	
FOLLOWING STRAINED BACK WHILE WORKING	1
STRUCK WITH OBJECT:	
STRUCK IN ABDOMEN BY BOARD WHILE SAWING	1
UNKNOWN CAUSE	<u>1</u>

TOTAL

98

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1939	49
AUGUST	"	58
SEPTEMBER	"	81
OCTOBER	"	67
NOVEMBER	"	64
DECEMBER	"	75
JANUARY	1940	72
FEBRUARY	"	65
MARCH	"	60
APRIL	"	48
MAY	"	51
JUNE	"	<u>70</u>
TOTAL		<u>760</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	425
IN COUNTY OF L.A. O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	327
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY	<u>8</u>
TOTAL	<u>760</u>

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MALE	426
FEMALE	<u>334</u>
TOTAL	<u>760</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESAGES

LESS THAN 1 YEAR	18
1 to 2 Years	14
2 to 5 Years	21
5 to 10 Years	14
10 to 20 Years	42
20 to 45 Years	158
45 to 65 Years	151
65 and over	<u>342</u>

TOTAL

760

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NATURE

ASPHYXIAATION	5
BURNS	72
CRUSHING	4
DROWNING	65
ELECTROCUTION	3
FALLS	299
FIREARMS	23
HEAD INJURY	104
INFECTION	38
MISCELLANEOUS	27
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM, 36)	95
STRANGULATION	6
SUFFOCATION	<u>19</u>

TOTAL

760

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES

## ASPHYXIATION:

GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	2
OVERCOME BY GAS FUMES FROM GAS WELL	1
PIECE OF MEAT LODGED IN LARYNX	1
FOOD LODGED IN BRONCHUS	1

## BURNS:

BEDDING IGNITED FROM CIGARETTE	6
" " " PIPE	1
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM BONFIRE	1
" " " CANDLE	1
" " " CIGARETTE	5
" " " PIPE	1



MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

BURNS:		
CLOTHING IGNITED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PUT OUT FIRE		1
" " " " ESCAPE BURNING HOUSE		1
" " " BURNING TRASH IN INCINERATOR		1
" " WHETHER ACC. OR SUI. UNDETERMINED		1
DUE TO EXPLOSION OF GAS STOVE		3
DUE TO FALL AGAINST STOVE		1
DUE TO BURNS FROM ELECTRIC PAD		1
DUE TO EXPLOSION OF OIL STOVE		1
DUE TO CHILD PLAYING WITH MATCHES		3
CHILD UPSET POT OF HOT COFFEE		1
ASLEEP ON TOP OF BOILERS - H.B.D.		1
ASLEEP IN AUTO IN GARAGE WHICH BURNED		1
FELL INTO BURNING PIT		1
FELL INTO TUB OF BOILING WATER		2
GASOLINE EXPLODED FROM BLOW TORCH		1
HOT WATER BOTTLE		1
LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM		6
SCALDS: CHILD UPSET PAN OF HOT WATER		1
" BY BOILING WATER		1
" UPSET POT OF HOT SOUP		1
" WHILE IN BATH TUB		1
TRAPPED IN BURNING GARAGE		2
" " " BUILDING		9
TOUCHED LIGHT SOCKET WHILE IN BATH TUB		1
TURPENTINE IGNITED FROM EXHAUST PIPE, SETTING FIRE TO AUTO		1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

BURNS:	
WHILE CLEANING CLOTHES WITH GASOLINE	1
WHETHER FELL OR JUMPED INTO INCINERATOR UNDETERMINED	1
CRUSHING:	
DUE TO FALL INTO EXCAVATION	1
JACK COLLAPSED WHILE WORKING UNDER AUTO	2
STRUCK BY FALLING DRILL STEM	1
DROWNING:	
INABILITY TO SWIM	2
CHILD FELL INTO FISH POND	6
FALL FROM DOCK	4
CHILD FELL INTO TUB OF WATER	3
PROBABLY JUMPED FROM BURNING BOAT	1
EXHAUSTED WHILE SWIMMING	6
PROBABLY FELL INTO IRRIGATION DITCH	1
PROBABLY INTOXICATION	1
SWEPT OVERBOARD DURING STORM	2
CAUGHT IN RIPTIDE	2
CHILD FELL INTO LAKE	1
FELL FROM BOAT	3
ATTEMPTING TO SAVE ANOTHER	1
BECAME ENTANGLED IN WEEDS	1
PROBABLY STORM VICTIM	1
FELL INTO LAKE DUE TO ILLNESS	1
CHILD ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER TOY SAILBOAT	1
FELL FROM GANGWAY - H.B.D.	1
SWIMMING TO SHORE FROM OVERTURNED BOAT	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

DROWNING:	
SWEPT OFF ROCKS BY WAVES	2
FOUND DEAD IN SWIMMING POOL	1
FELL OFF ROCK WHILE FISHING	1
FELL FROM SURF-BOARD	1
FAINTED IN BATHTUB	1
FELL FROM RAFT	3
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	15
"      "      SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	2
ELECTROCUTION:	
PICKED UP LIVE WIRE LYING IN STREET	1
CONTACTED FLOOR-LAMP WHILE IN BATHTUB	1
WHILE RAISING STEEL FLAGPOLE CONTACTED HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE	1
FALLS:	
TO FLOOR, OLD AGE	167
TO FLOOR, TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	18
"      "      DUE TO ILLNESS	20
"      "      SLIPPED ON RUG	2
"      "      PROBABLY DUE TO FAINTING	1
TO STREET, OLD AGE	16
DOWNSTAIRS, "      "	17
"      H.B.D.	1
FROM PORCH, OLD AGE	6
"      "      DUE TO BLINDNESS	1
"      "      MOTHER TRIPPED AND FELL WHILE CARRYING CHILD	1
TO FLOOR, ATTEMPTING TO SIT ON CHAIR, OLD AGE	1
"      "      DUE TO HEAT WAVE	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

FALLS:	
IN YARD, OLD AGE	11
" " ILL HEALTH	1
" " TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	2
ON PIER, OLD AGE	1
FROM LADDER WHILE PAINTING	2
WHILE RUNNING DOWN HILL	1
WHILE SKATING AT RINK	1
FROM WALL, SLIPPED	1
FROM BUILDING, WHILE REPAIRING	1
FROM WINDOW, INTOXICATION	1
TO SIDEWALK, OLD AGE	5
FELL OR JUMPED FROM SILO, WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1
FROM SWIVEL STOOL	1
FROM BED, DUE TO ILLNESS	5
" " OLD AGE	2
FALL AGAINST TABLE, ILL HEALTH	1
FALL TO DRIVEWAY, PUSHING GARAGE DOOR CLOSED WITH CRUTCH	1
FALL FROM DAVENPORT	1
FROM CHAIR, ILL HEALTH	1
FROM STOOL, OLD AGE	2
FALL - HOW, WHEN AND WHERE UNKNOWN	1
FROM WINDOW, ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE HOSPITAL, TEMPORARILY DERANGED	1
FELL IN DITCH	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

FALLS:	
FALL TO SIDEWALK, SLIPPED ON BANANA PEEL	1
FELL OR JUMPED FROM JAIL BUNK, ACCI. OR SUI. UNDETER.	1
FIREARMS:	
ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN WHILE HUNTING	1
GUN ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED	11
ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	4
WHILE CLEANING RIFLE	2
WHILE TARGET SHOOTING	1
GUN ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED DURING SCUFFLE	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1
DUE TO CAP OF HOME-MADE GUN BACKFIRING	1
SHOT BY CHILD WHILE PLAYING WITH GUN	1
HEAD INJURY:	
DUE TO FALLS	80
THROWN FROM HAYRACK	1
DUE TO DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT ON FERRIS WHEEL	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	5
STRUCK BY GOLF BALL	1
DURING FOOTBALL SCRIMAGE	1
STRUCK BY FALLING TREE	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3
"      "      SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1
STRUCK BY PIECE OF LUMBER	1
THROWN FROM HORSE	1
IRON POST AND SWING COLLAPSED, FALLING ON VICTIM'S HEAD	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

HEAD INJURY:	
AUTO FELL OFF JACK WHILE WORKING UNDERNEATH	1
PLASTER CEILING FELL ON HEAD	1
BICYCLE ON WHICH PASSENGER COLLIDED WITH PARKED AUTO	1
HIT ON HEAD BY HORSES WHILE TAKING OFF BRIDLE	1
WHETHER FELL OR STRUCK BY AUTO UNKNOWN	1
UNKNOWN CAUSE	2
INFECTION:	
INJURED ARM, SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	3
SCRATCHED PIMPLE ON FACE, SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	3
INJURED LEG, " "	3
STEPPED ON NAIL, TETANUS DEVELOPED	4
" " RAKE, " "	1
MISCARRIAGE INDUCED BY FALL, SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
CUT HAND, " "	2
INJURED FOOT, TETANUS DEVELOPED	2
BITTEN BY CAT, STREPTOCOCCIC INFECTION	1
CUT HAND, GANGRENE DEVELOPED	1
SLIVER IN TOE, TETANUS DEVELOPED	1
TREATING FACE FOR ERUPTIONS, CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
BURNED FOOT, CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
FRACTURE OF HIP, SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
CUT HAND, TETANUS DEVELOPED	1
PICKED CALLOUS ON FOOT	1
BROKE PIMPLE ON FOREHEAD WITH COMB	1
FRACTURED FEMUR, GANGRENE DEVELOPED	1
SPLINTER IN FINGER, TETANUS "	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

INFECTION:		
DUE TO DEFECTIVE SHOE		1
FELL, STRIKING KNEE ON SPRINKLER, TETANUS DEVELOPED		1
RAN TACK IN ELBOW, SEPTICEMIA		1
FELL PUNCTURING KNEE WITH RUSTY NAIL, TETANUS		1
RAN TACK OF SHOE INTO FOOT, CELLULITIS		1
FELL DOWN STEPS, SEPTICEMIA		1
FELL, SCRATCHING HAND ON PORCH POST, SEPTICEMIA		1
SPLINTER IN FOOT, TETANUS		1
MISCELLANEOUS:		
BODILY INJURY, DUE TO FALLS		2
"	" WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETER	3
"	" UNKNOWN CAUSE	2
"	" " " H.B.D.	1
"	" IRON POST FELL ON VICTIM WHILE PLAY- ING IN ICE FACTORY	1
"	" HOW, WHEN AND WHERE UNKNOWN	1
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN		1
E..SANGUINATION, FAILURE TO TIE CORD AT BIRTH		1
FELL ON MILK BOTTLE, CUTTING		1
FELL ON KNIFE LYING ON CHAIR, CUTTING		1
FRACTURED BACK, DOVE INTO SHALLOW WATER		1
"	" INTOXICATION	1
INJURED ARM, PULMONARY EMBOLISM DEVELOPED		1
KICKED BY HORSE		2
LUDWIG ANGINA AFTER EXTRACTION OF TOOTH		1



MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

## MISCELLANEOUS:

PERFORATION ESOPHAGUS, CHILD SWALLOWED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT	1
PREMATURE LABOR DUE TO FALL	1
PREMATURE BIRTH DUE TO ABOVE ACCIDENT	1
PREMATURE BY INDUCED ABORTION, BY UNKNOWN PERSON	1
SHOCK AND HEMORRHAGE, FOLLOWING EXPLOSION FIREWORKS	2
STARVATION, RELIGIOUS FANATIC	1
POISONING:	
ALCOHOLISM	36
AMYTAL, ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1
ARSENIC, TOOK OVERDOSE CARBARSONE TABLETS BY MISTAKE	1
" CHILD ATE ANT PASTE	3
" WHETHER ACCI. OR SUI. UNDETERMINED	1
ATE POISONOUS MUSHROOMS	1
BARBITURATE, OVERDOSE	1
" WHETHER ACCI. OR SUI. UNDETERMINED	5
BOTULISM, ATE HOME CANNED SPINACH	1
CAUSTIC, WHETHER ACCI. OR SUI. UNDETERMINED	1
CARBON MONOXIDE, " " " "	4
" " GAS ESCAPING IN CLOSED ROOM	1
" " GAS BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	22
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE: DRANK POISON MISTAKEN FOR WINE	1
CODEIN: WHETHER ACCI. OR SUI. UNDETERMINED	1
CYANIDE: " " " " "	1
DRANK LACQUER SOLVENT MIXED WITH WHISKEY	5
DRANK POISON MISTAKEN FOR MINERAL OIL	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES, Continued

POISONING:	
KEROSENE: CHILD DRANK KEROSENE	1
LYE: CHILD DRANK LYE SOLUTION	1
OPIMUM: OVERDOSE TO RELIEVE PAIN	1
PARALDEHYDE: TAKEN AS A SEDATIVE	1
STRYCHNINE: ACCI. OR SUI. UNDETERMINED	2
VERONAL: " " " "	1
WHISKEY: CHILD DRANK WHISKEY	1
STRANGULATION:	
BABY BECAME ENTANGLED IN ZIPPER ROBE	1
" " " " BEDDING	1
PIECE OF MEAT LODGED IN THROAT	2
FELL WHILE INTOXICATED, CAUGHT SHIRT ON CAR BUMPER	1
CORD AROUND NECK AT BIRTH	1
SUFFOCATION:	
BY SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	1
POPCORN LODGED IN THROAT	1
FACE COVERED WITH BEDDING	9
INHALATION OF BLOOD FOLLOWING TONSILLECTOMY	1
FOOD LODGED IN TRACHEA	1
INHALATION OF VOMITUS	1
UNKNOWN CAUSE, FETUS	1
REGURGITATION OF MILK	1
DUE TO SMOKE FROM BURNING MATTRESS	1
HEAD BURIED IN PILLOW DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
FELL INTO BUNDLE OF CLOTHING DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1

TOTAL

760

SUICIDES

JULY	1939	55	
AUGUST	"	68	
SEPTEMBER	"	55	
OCTOBER	"	57	
NOVEMBER	"	55	
DECEMBER	"	58	
JANUARY	1940	52	
FEBRUARY	"	62	
MARCH	"	56	
APRIL	"	63	
MAY	"	57	
JUNE	"	<u>56</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>694</u>

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MALE	496	
FEMALE	<u>198</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>694</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	423	
IN COUNTY OF L.A. O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	<u>271</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>694</u>

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AGES

10	to	20	Years	12
20	to	45	Years	293
45	to	65	Years	291
65	and	over		<u>98</u>
				TOTAL
				<u>694</u>

SUICIDESNATURE

BURNS	5
CUTTING	28
CRUSHING	1
DROWNING	13
JUMPING: FROM BUILDING	19
FROM BRIDGE	3
IN FRONT OF STREET CAR	2
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	1
FROM WINDOW	11
FROM POLE	1
FROM TREE	1
FROM TUNNEL	1
POISONING: ANT PASTE	40
AMONIA	2
ANT POWDER	1
ARSENIC	26
BARBITURATE	8
BARBITAL	3
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	9
CHLOROFORM	2
CYANIDE	36
CALCIUM CARBIDE	1
FORMALDEHYDE	1
IODINE	2

SUICIDESNATURE

LUMINAL	1
LYSOL	21
LYE	5
MORPHINE	2
MURIATIC ACID	1
NEMBUTAL	1
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	2
OPIUM	1
OLALIC ACID	1
PHOSPHORUS	4
PHENOL	1
PHENOBARBITAL	1
CARBON MONOXIDE: AUTO EXHAUST	92
ILLUMINATING GAS	43
STRYCHNINE	8
SLEEPING POTION	1
SEDORMID	2
SODIUM FLORIDE	2
SODIUM AMYTAL	1
UNKNOWN POISON	1
SHOOTING	200
STABBING	1
STRANGULATION	<u>85</u>

TOTAL

694

SUICIDESCAUSES

ILL HEALTH	237
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	60
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	54
INTOXICATION	37
UNEMPLOYMENT	23
TIRED OF LIFE	5
TEMPORARILY DERANGED	24
MENTALLY DERANGED	24
LOVE AFFAIR	11
FEAR OF PROSECUTION	9
FEAR OF LOSS OF POSITION	1
AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	3
AFTER MURDER OF WIFE	4
AFTER ATTEMPTED MURDER OF WIFE	1
AFTER ATTEMPTED MURDER	3
DESPONDENCY	3
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF WIFE	6
" " " " HUSBAND	5
" " " " MOTHER	1
" " " " SON	2
" " " " FIANCE	1
" " " " BROTHER	1
FEAR OF PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM WHITTIER SCHOOL	1
WORRY OVER LAW SUIT	1
FEAR OF INSANITY	2

SUICIDESCAUSES

FEAR OF BLINDNESS	1
WORRY OVER HUSBAND'S ILLNESS	1
WORRY OVER FATHER'S ILLNESS	1
JEALOUSY	2
WORRY OVER REAL ESTATE DEAL	1
SUICIDE PACT	8
WORRY OVER STUDIES	1
DESPONDENT OVER SEPARATION FROM WIFE	1
RELIGIOUS FANATIC	1
BLINDNESS	1
UNKNOWN CAUSES	<u>157</u>

TOTAL

694

HOMICIDES

JULY	1939	20	
AUGUST	"	8	
SEPTEMBER	"	9	
OCTOBER	"	8	
NOVEMBER	"	13	
DECEMBER	"	10	
JANUARY	1940	11	
FEBRUARY	"	13	
MARCH	"	6	
APRIL	"	16	
MAY	"	11	
JUNE	"	<u>10</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>135</u>
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MALE		102	
FEMALE		<u>33</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>135</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		100	
IN COUNTY OF L.A. O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		34	
O/S " " " DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY		<u>1</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>135</u>



HOMICIDESAGES

LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1	
2 to 5 Years	2	
5 to 10 Years	4	
10 to 20 Years	10	
20 to 45 Years	82	
45 to 65 Years	32	
65 and over	<u>4</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>135</u>

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ACCIDENTAL	7	
JUSTIFIABLE	40	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	86	
ACCIDENTAL OR UNJUSTIFIABLE UNDETERMINED	1	
JUSTIFIABLE OR UNJUSTIFIABLE "	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>135</u>

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BY KNOWN PERSON	90	
BY UNKNOWN PERSON	9	
BY HUSBAND	10	
BY WIFE	1	
BY BROTHER	2	
BY SON	1	
BY FATHER	1	
BY MOTHER	6	
BY OFFICER	<u>15</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>135</u>

HOMICIDESCAUSES

ACCIDENTAL:	
WHILE HANDLING GUN	4
WHILE STRUGGLING FOR POSSESSION OF GUN	1
WHILE PLAYING WITH GUN	1
SHOT ACCIDENTALLY BY OFFICER WHILE SHOOTING AT AUTO THIEVES	1
JUSTIFIABLE:	
BY OFFICER, DURING HOLDUP	3
AFTER HOLDUP	1
EVADING ARREST	10
SELF-DEFENSE	7
DURING BURGLARY	3
DURING FIGHT	10
DURING HOLDUP	3
TRESPASSING	1
DEFENDING DECEASED'S WIFE	1
INTOXICATION	1
UNJUSTIFIABLE:	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	11
DURING ATTEMPTED HOLDUP	4
DURING FIGHT	23
DURING ARGUMENT	3
DURING QUARREL	1
DURING STRIKE ROW	1
DRUNKEN BRAWL	1
LOVE AFFAIR, JEALOUSY	12
BY MOTHER WHO INTENDED TO COMMIT SUICIDE	1

HOMICIDESCAUSES, Continued

EVADING ARREST	1
TRYING TO PROTECT SISTER	1
PROBABLY GANG WAR	1
PROBABLY ROBBERY	3
ROBBERY	2
MISTAKEN FOR PROWLER	1
MISTAKEN IDENTITY	1
BY MOTHER WHILE MENTALLY DERANGED	1
ATTEMPTING TO FRIGHTEN AWAY CHILDREN	1
PROBABLY PUSHED OVER CLIFF DURING STRUGGLE	1
MENTALLY DERANGED	9
AFTER ATTEMPTED RAPE	1
INTOXICATION	2
UNWANTED CHILD	1
AFTER KIDNAPPING	1
UNKNOWN CAUSE	2
WHETHER JUSTIFIABLE OR UNJUSTIFIABLE UNDETER., DURING ARGUMENT	1
ACCIDENTAL OR UNJUSTIFIABLE UNDETERMINED	<u>1</u>

TOTAL

135

SUMMARY OF HEAT FATALITIESNATURE

HEAT STROKE	4	
HEAT EXHAUSTION	4	
CAUSES IN WHICH "HEAT EXHAUSTION" WAS CONTRIBUTORY TO DEATH	<u>53</u>	
TOTAL		<u>61</u>

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MALE	32	
FEMALE	<u>29</u>	
TOTAL		<u>61</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	46	
IN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY	<u>15</u>	
TOTAL		<u>61</u>

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AGES

LESS THAN 1 YEAR	2	
2 to 5 YEARS	1	
5 to 10 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	6	
45 to 65 YEARS	11	
65 and over	<u>40</u>	
TOTAL		<u>61</u>

ABORTIONS

SELF-INDUCED	6	
CRIMINAL BY PHYSICIAN	4	
NOT CRIMINAL, BY PHYSICIAN	1	
CRIMINAL, BY UNKNOWN PERSON	1	
CRIMINAL, BY KNOWN PERSON	2	
SPONTANEOUS	1	
SELF-INDUCED OR CRIMINAL UNDETERMINED	3	
" " SPONTANEOUS "	1	
ATTEMPTED ABORTION	1	
SELF-INDUCED OR ACCIDENTAL	1	
INCOMPLETE ABORTION	1	
	TOTAL	<u>22</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	13	
IN COUNTY " O/S L.A.CITY	4	
UNKNOWN LOCATION	5	
	TOTAL	<u>22</u>

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MARRIED	15	
DIVORCED	2	
SINGLE	4	
WIDOWED	1	
	TOTAL	<u>22</u>

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AGES

10 to 20 Years	3	
20 to 45 Years	19	
	TOTAL	<u>22</u>

ALCOHOLISM

MALE	25	
FEMALE	<u>11</u>	
	TOTAL	36
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		36
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AGES

20 to 45 Years	13	
45 to 65 Years	17	
65 and over	<u>6</u>	
	TOTAL	36
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UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE	7	
FEMALE	<u>5</u>	
	TOTAL	12
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	9	
IN COUNTY OF L.A. O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	<u>3</u>	
	TOTAL	12
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AGES

10 to 20 Years	2	
20 to 45 Years	5	
45 to 65 Years	3	
65 and over	1	
Unknown Age	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	12
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AFTER PATHOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION 6

AFTER CHEMICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION 1

DECOMPOSED	<u>5</u>	
	TOTAL	12

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1939	1	
AUGUST	"	2	
SEPTEMBER	"	0	
OCTOBER	"	1	
NOVEMBER	"	0	
DECEMBER	"	4	
JANUARY	1940	0	
FEBRUARY	"	0	
MARCH	"	0	
APRIL	"	1	
MAY	"	5	
JUNE	"	<u>5</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>19</u>
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MALES		18	
FEMALES		<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>19</u>
* * * * *			
IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		6	
IN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY		<u>13</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>19</u>
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PILOTS		7	
PASSENGERS		7	
INSTRUCTOR		1	
CO-PILOT		1	
INSPECTOR		1	
FLIGHT CHIEF		1	
PASSENGER IN STANDING AUTO, HIT BY PLANE		<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>19</u>

PLEASURE	9
ARMY & NAVY	2
PARACHUTE	1



INQUESTS

		<u>CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM</u>	<u>L.A. CITY AND CO. OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	1939	32	40	72
AUGUST	"	39	45	84
SEPTEMBER	"	58	29	87
OCTOBER	"	47	52	99
NOVEMBER	"	59	44	103
DECEMBER	"	65	38	103
JANUARY	1940	64	47	111
FEBRUARY	"	61	38	99
MARCH	"	50	41	91
APRIL	"	53	30	83
MAY	"	50	36	86
JUNE	"	49	35	84
TOTAL		627	475	1102

AUTOPSIES

		<u>CORONER'S MORTUARY</u>	<u>L.A. CITY &amp; CO. OUTSIDE MORT.</u>	<u>GENERAL HOSPITAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	1939	226	210	7	443
AUGUST	"	207	282	6	495
SEPTEMBER	"	308	255	10	573
OCTOBER	"	248	239	5	492
NOVEMBER	"	251	252	5	508
DECEMBER	"	319	266	6	591
JANUARY	1940	290	254	5	549
FEBRUARY	"	276	235	10	521
MARCH	"	263	262	8	533
APRIL	"	222	234	9	465
MAY	"	228	246	2	476
JUNE	"	225	222	3	450
TOTAL		3063	2957	76	6096

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EMBALMED (UNDER 14 YRS. -NO FEES)	152
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE - NO FEES	371
NUMBER OF EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER PENAL CODE SEC. 4300h - NO FEES	<u>96</u>
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED	619
TOTAL NUMBER BODIES EMBALMED - FEES COLLECTED	<u>2,233</u>
TOTAL NUMBER BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	2,852
NUMBER EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	<u>305</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3,157
NUMBER OF CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY L.A. CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY	<u>3,125</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER	<u>6,282</u>
NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS, NO AUTOPSY	186
MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	14,397
" " BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES	40,487
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	13,099
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	530
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	1,102
" " " FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NO FEE	28
" " " DELIVERED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY	601
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	2,261
NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTIMONY WRITTEN	14,293
" " "VERDICT OF CORONER" AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	4,994
" " "VERDICT OF JURIES"	1,102
" " JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	9,918
NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPOENED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	6,612
" " ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	160

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	592
" " BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	13
" " BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	37
" " CROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE	51
" " CASES HANDLED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	334
" " CHEMICAL TESTS FOR SUGAR	2
" " " " " " CYANIDE	9
" " CASES SUBMITTED TO CHEMICAL LABORATORY	660
" " CHEMICAL TESTS NECESSARY FOR ABOVE CASES	2,328

EXPENDITURESFISCAL YEAR 1939-40

	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
SALARIES AND WAGES	\$107,160.00	\$106,287.72
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	17,955.00	16,711.71
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>250.00</u>	<u>144.38</u>
TOTAL	\$125,365.00	\$123,143.81

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REVENUES COLLECTEDFISCAL YEAR 1939-40

EMBALMING FEES	\$33,503.00
PREPARATION FEES	152.65
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	32.18
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	2,132.88
SHERIFF'S FEES	36.24
WITNESS FEES	<u>99.60</u>
TOTAL	\$35,956.55